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TWO-TIME FELON SENTENCED TO 29 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR HIS THIRD FELONY CONVICTION: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON.

TUCSON – Jeremiah Isaac Pedersoli, 28, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced on March 29, 2007 to 29 months in federal prison by Visiting U.S. District Judge Aspen. Pedersoli had pled guilty on November 29, 2006, admitting illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On March 14, 2006, an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer made a traffic stop on a vehicle in Tucson. The driver was identified as Jeremiah Isaac Pedersoli, and he was found to have a loaded .22 caliber revolver in his right front pants pocket. A records check revealed that Pedersoli had a prior felony conviction from 1999 in federal court in Tucson for unlawful possession of a silencer.

During the time frame that this new firearms charge was referred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and ultimately to the United States Attorney's Office for possible federal prosecution, Pedersoli was also being separately prosecuted for (and was ultimately convicted of) another federal criminal offense: Possession of Stolen Mail. He was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Tucson in that case on September 15, 2006 to serve eight months in prison. His 29-month sentence in this firearms case will be served consecutively to the mail theft case, for a total of 37 months in the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Pedersoli's prosecution is part of the District of Arizona's Project Safe Neighborhoods, an illegal firearms enforcement program. The effectiveness of Project Safe Neighborhoods in Arizona is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive that is led by the U.S. Attorney. Through ongoing partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, like the one in this case, the U.S. Attorney is implementing a series of strategies that are contoured to fit the specific gun crime problems throughout Arizona.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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